Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A privacy keypad comprising:

a faceplate;

a keypad disposed on the faceplate and having a central longitudinal axis and a center point; and

at least one protrusion integral with the faceplate and extending upwardly from the surface of the faceplate laterally adjacent to the keypad,

wherein the at least one protrusion is of a sufficient height and length along the central longitudinal axis of the keypad to obstruct at least partially a line of sight to the keypad, and

wherein a line from the center point of the keypad normal to the central longitudinal axis of the keypad to the top of the at least one protrusion forms an angle of at least 20 degrees with a plane tangential to the surface of the faceplate along the central longitudinal axis of the keypad.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The privacy ~~faceplate~~ keypad as recited in claim 1, further comprising a housing and wherein the at least one protrusion is of unitary construction with the housing.

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (original): The privacy keypad as recited in claim 1, wherein the faceplate comprises a substantially planar portion on which the keypad is disposed.

Claim 5 (original): The privacy keypad as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one protrusion comprises a light source.

Claim 6 (original): The privacy keypad as recited in claim 5, wherein the light source is a light emitting diode.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The privacy keypad as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one protrusion consists of ~~there are~~ two ~~parallel~~ protrusions laterally adjacent to the central longitudinal axis of the keypad and on opposite sides of the keypad, and wherein each protrusion at least partially obstructs a line of sight to the keypad.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The privacy keypad as recited in claim 7, wherein the protrusions define with the faceplate a longitudinal channel ~~in the faceplate~~ for receiving the keypad.

Claim 9 (currently amended): ~~An~~ A privacy keypad, comprising:

a faceplate;

a keypad disposed on the faceplate and having a central longitudinal axis;

and

two ~~parallel~~ protrusions, extending upwardly from the surface of the faceplate laterally adjacent to and on opposite sides of the keypad to define a longitudinal channel in the faceplate for receiving the keypad,

wherein the protrusions are integral and of unitary construction with the faceplate, and each protrusion is of a sufficient height and length along the central longitudinal axis of the keypad to obstruct at least partially a line of sight to the keypad, and

wherein a line from the center point of the keypad normal to the central longitudinal axis of the keypad to the top of at least one protrusion forms an angle of at least 20 degrees with a plane tangential to the surface of the faceplate along the central longitudinal axis of the keypad.

Claim 10 (withdrawn): An escutcheon for a door lock, comprising:

a housing;

a keypad disposed on the housing for unlocking the door lock; and

at least one protrusion integral with the housing and extending upwardly from the surface of the housing laterally adjacent to the keypad,

wherein the at least one protrusion is of a sufficient height and length along the central longitudinal axis of the keypad to obstruct at least partially a line of sight to the keypad.

Claim 11 (withdrawn): The escutcheon for a door lock as recited in claim 10, wherein the at least one protrusion is of unitary construction with the housing.

Claim 12 (withdrawn): The escutcheon for a door lock as recited in claim 10, wherein a line from the center point of the keypad normal to the central longitudinal axis of the keypad to the top of the at least one protrusion forms an angle of at least about 10 degrees with a plane tangential to the surface of the housing along the central longitudinal axis of the keypad.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): The escutcheon for a door lock as recited in claim 10, wherein the housing comprises a substantially planar portion on which the keypad is disposed.

Claim 14 (withdrawn): The escutcheon for a door lock as recited in claim 10, wherein the at least one protrusion comprises a light source.

Claim 15 (withdrawn): The escutcheon for a door lock as recited in claim 14, wherein the light source is a light emitting diode.

Claim 16 (withdrawn): The escutcheon for a door lock as recited in claim 10, wherein there are two parallel protrusions laterally adjacent to and on opposite sides of the keypad, and wherein each protrusion at least partially obstructs a line of sight to the keypad.

Claim 17 (withdrawn): The escutcheon for a door lock as recited in claim 16, wherein the protrusions define a longitudinal channel in the housing for receiving the keypad.

Claim 18 (withdrawn): An escutcheon for a door lock, comprising:

a housing;

a keypad disposed on the housing for unlocking the door lock; and

two parallel protrusions, extending upwardly from the surface of the housing laterally adjacent to and on opposite sides of the keypad to define a longitudinal channel in the housing for receiving the keypad,

wherein the protrusions are integral and of unitary construction with the housing, and each protrusion is of a sufficient height and length along the longitudinal axis of the keypad to obstruct at least partially a line of sight to the keypad.

Claim 19 (withdrawn): A lockset for a door, comprising:

a housing;

a lock disposed in the housing and able to be unlocked by an electrical signal;

a keypad disposed on the housing and operatively connected to the lock to provide the electrical signal; and

two parallel protrusions, extending upwardly from the surface of the housing laterally adjacent to and on opposite sides of the keypad to define a longitudinal channel in the housing for receiving the keypad,

wherein the protrusions are integral with the housing, and each protrusion is of a sufficient height and length along the longitudinal axis of the keypad to obstruct at least partially a line of sight to the keypad.

Claim 20 (withdrawn): The lockset for a door as recited in claim 19, wherein the protrusions are of unitary construction with the housing.

Claim 21 (withdrawn): The lockset for a door as recited in claim 19, wherein a line from the center point of the keypad normal to the central longitudinal axis of the keypad to the top of the at least one protrusion forms an angle of at least about 10 degrees with a plane tangential to the surface of the housing along the central longitudinal axis of the keypad.

Claim 22 (withdrawn): An escutcheon for a door lock, the door including a door latch operator, the escutcheon comprising:

a lower cover having an opening through which the latch operator passes, the lower cover having a surface projecting a first distance away from the surface of the door and having a top edge; and

an upper cover having a bottom edge and having a surface projecting away from the surface of the door a second distance that is greater than the first distance, the upper cover mounted to the surface of the door above the lower cover such that the bottom edge of the upper cover and top edge of the lower cover are in close and complementary registration.

Claim 23 (withdrawn): The escutcheon for a door lock as recited in claim 22, wherein the top edge of the lower cover and the bottom edge of the upper cover are arcuate.

Claim 24 (withdrawn): The escutcheon for a door lock as recited in claim 23, wherein the arcuate top edge of the lower cover is convex and the arcuate bottom edge of the upper cover is concave.

Claim 25 (withdrawn): The escutcheon for a door lock as recited in claim 23, wherein the arcuate top edge of the lower cover is concave and the arcuate bottom edge of the upper cover is convex.

Claim 26 (withdrawn): The escutcheon for a door lock as recited in claim 22, wherein the upper cover comprises a keypad for opening the lock.

Claim 27 (withdrawn): The escutcheon for a door lock as recited in claim 26, wherein there are two parallel protrusions laterally adjacent to and on opposite sides of the keypad, and wherein each protrusion at least partially obstructs a line of sight to the keypad.

Claim 28 (withdrawn): The escutcheon for a door lock as recited in claim 22, wherein the upper cover houses batteries.

Claim 29 (withdrawn): An escutcheon system for a lock on a door, the door having a door latch operator, the system comprising:

a lower cover through which the latch operator passes, adapted to be mounted to the surface of the door and having a top edge;

a first upper cover having a bottom edge, the first upper cover adapted to be mounted to the surface of the door above the lower cover such that the bottom edge of the first upper cover and the top edge of the lower cover are in close and complementary registration; and

a second upper cover differing from the first upper cover in size, features, or a combination thereof, having a bottom edge, the second upper cover adapted to be mounted to the surface of the door above the lower cover such that the bottom edge of the second upper cover and top edge of the lower cover are in close and complementary registration.

Claim 30 (withdrawn): The escutcheon for a door lock as recited in claim 29, wherein the top edge of the lower cover, the bottom edge of the first upper cover, and the bottom edge of the second upper cover are arcuate.

Claim 31 (withdrawn): The escutcheon system for a lock on a door as recited in claim 29, wherein when mounted to the door the lower cover has a surface projecting a first distance away from the surface of the door, the first upper cover has a surface projecting a second distance away from the surface of the door that is greater then the first distance, and the second upper cover has a surface projecting a third distance away from the surface of the door that is greater than the first distance.

Claim 32 (withdrawn): An escutcheon system for a lock on a door, the door having a door latch operator, the system comprising:

an upper cover adapted to be mounted to the surface of the door and having a bottom edge;

a first lower cover through which the latch operator passes, having a top edge, the first lower cover adapted to be mounted to the surface of the door below the upper cover such that the top edge of the first lower cover and bottom edge of the upper cover are in close and complementary registration; and

a second lower cover differing from the first upper cover in size, features, or a combination thereof, through which the latch operator passes, having a top edge, the second lower cover adapted to be mounted to the surface of the door below the upper cover such that the top edge of the second lower cover and bottom edge of the upper cover are in close and complementary registration.

Claim 33 (withdrawn): The escutcheon for a door lock as recited in claim 32, wherein the bottom edge of the upper cover, the top edge of the first lower cover, and the top edge of the second lower cover are arcuate.

Claim 34 (withdrawn): The escutcheon system for a lock on a door as recited in claim 32, wherein when mounted to the door the upper cover has a surface projecting a first distance away from the surface of the door, the first lower cover has a surface projecting a second distance away from the surface of the door that is less than the first distance, and

the second lower cover has a surface projecting a third distance away from the surface of the door that is less than the first distance.

Claim 35 (new): A privacy keypad comprising:

a faceplate;

a keypad disposed on the faceplate and having a central longitudinal axis; and

exactly two protrusions extending upwardly from the surface of the faceplate laterally adjacent to and on opposite sides of the keypad,

wherein the two protrusions are of sufficient height and length along the central longitudinal axis of the keypad to obstruct at least partially a line of sight to the keypad.

Claim 36 (new): The privacy keypad as recited in claim 35, further comprising a housing and wherein the two protrusions are of unitary construction with the housing.

Claim 37 (new): The privacy keypad as recited in claim 35, wherein a line from the center point of the keypad normal to the central longitudinal axis of the keypad to the top of at least one protrusion forms an angle of at least 20 degrees with a plane tangential to the surface of the faceplate along the central longitudinal axis of the keypad.

Claim 38 (new): The privacy keypad as recited in claim 35, wherein at least one protrusion comprises a light source.

Claim 39 (new): The privacy keypad as recited in claim 38, wherein the light source is a light emitting diode.

Claim 40 (new): The privacy keypad as recited in claim 35, wherein the protrusions define with the faceplate a longitudinal channel having open ends.

Claim 41 (new): A privacy keypad comprising:

a faceplate;

a keypad disposed on the faceplate and having a central longitudinal axis; and

a plurality of protrusions extending upwardly from the surface of the faceplate laterally adjacent to and on opposite sides of the keypad,

wherein the plurality of protrusions defines a channel having open ends, and wherein the plurality of protrusions is of sufficient height and length along the central longitudinal axis of the keypad to obstruct at least partially a line of sight to the keypad.

Claim 42 (new): The privacy keypad of claim 1, wherein the at least one protrusion is parallel to the central longitudinal axis of the keypad.

Claim 43 (new): The privacy keypad of claim 7, wherein the two protrusions are parallel to each other.

Claim 44 (new): The privacy keypad of claim 9, wherein the two protrusions are parallel to each other.

Claim 45 (new): A privacy keypad comprising:

a faceplate;

a keypad disposed on the faceplate and having a central longitudinal axis; and

at least one protrusion integral with the faceplate and extending upwardly from the surface of the faceplate laterally adjacent to the keypad,

wherein the at least one protrusion is of a sufficient height and length along the central longitudinal axis of the keypad to obstruct at least partially a line of sight to the keypad, and

wherein the at least one protrusion comprises a light source.

Claim 46 (new): The privacy keypad as recited in claim 45, wherein the light source is a light emitting diode.